

Indo-Pak Joint Action Plan for SAARC Meet

4969. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan met on June 30, 1991 to prepare a joint plan of action to be pursued at the ensuing SAARC Standing Committee of Foreign Secretaries Meet at Maldives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Post Offices in Rajasthan

4970. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to upgrade some branch and sub-post offices in Rajasthan during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). There are proposals for Upgradation of Baran LSG Sub Post Office into Head Post Office, Mandaria Extra Departmental Branch Post Office into Departmental Sub Post Office and Rawla Extra Departmental Branch Post

Office into Departmental Sub Post Office in districts Baran Chittorgarh and Sriganganagar respectively.

[Translation]

Electric and Cess Dues from BALCO

4971. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of electricity duty and Cess due for payment by the Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO), Korba to the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the reasons for not clearing the dues and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) All due arrear amount for electricity duty and Cess has been paid by BALCO to Government of Madhya Pradesh and BALCO also regularly paying the current dues.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Violence Against Women in Tripura

4972. DR. SUDHIR RAY: SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were incidents of violence against women, especially tribal women in Tripura on June 23, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken against the persons

found guilty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Although no complaint was made to the State police about the alleged violence, reports appeared in a section of the press that a group of tribal women had been raped by police personal. The Tripura bench of the Guwahati High Court, which received a petition from five tribal women, who were allegedly raped by police personnel at Gachhirampara in North Tripura on 23rd June, 1991, ordered the matter to be enquired into. Accordingly, the inquiry was conducted and report submitted to the Court. The allegation has not been substantiated.

For misbehavior during the investigation of an offence of dacoity cum murder, an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police has been suspended.

Complaints Against Police Officials

4973. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Vadhu Ko Jalakar Marane Main Panch Girtar' appearing in 'Hindustan' dated July 23, 1991;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether some complaints about the collusion of police with guilty persons and tempering of records by the police have been received by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action

taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A news-item captioned 'Vadhu Ko Jalakar Marane Main Panch Girtar' appeared in 'Hindustan' in its issue of July 23, 1991.

(b) Five persons were arrested and case under sections 304-B and 498-A IPC registered against them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Publicity Campaign by Kashmiri Secessionists

4974. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kashmiri secessionists have begun a concerted publicity campaign through audio visual and print media to canvass support for their cause in Kashmir and outside India; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action to expose dis-information & misleading campaign of the Kashmiri terrorists and to project the "Sufi" traditions of the people in the Kashmir Valley has already been taken, both inside and outside the country.